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## Newcomer Che Sayles Joins Veterans Davis and Roberts in Election Fray

*Challenger Che Sayles has thrown his hat into the ring along with longtime incumbents Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts for the upcoming city council election. Their nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Cindy Murray. Incumbents Ed Putens and Leta Mach and challenger Emmett Jordan have already submitted their nomination forms.*

### Judith Davis

Judith F. “J” Davis is in her eighth term on the Greenbelt City Council. Currently, Davis serves as mayor, a position she has held since 1997. Prior to her election to the city council in 1993, she was appointed to the city’s Advisory Planning Board (APB) for 10 years and was elected chair by its members from 1988 to 1992. Davis is the council liaison to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and represents the council on the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area board of directors.



Judith Davis

Davis moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and soon became active in local affairs. A condominium owner in Greenbriar, she was elected to the Greenbriar Phase I board of directors, serving for 14 years. She was carnival chair for the Labor Day Festival Committee for 18 years. In 1995, Davis was on the Project Design Committee that led to the formation of GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, of which she is a charter member. She was re-elected to the GIVES board of directors for



Che Sayles

a seventh term as vice president in June 2008.

Davis has honed her leadership skills and expanded her experience by serving in many roles. As mayor, Davis is the council’s representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) board of directors and is its secretary-treasurer. In 2005 she was elected chair of the COG board for a one-year term. Davis is a member of COG’s Greater

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Rodney Roberts

## Books Still Sell Well Here In Bonanza for Readers

by Jon Aerts

Never mind Barnes & Noble – the southwest side of Greenbelt’s New Deal Café was the place to be for the average bookworm or literary fanatic seeking an annual fix during the 2009 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival weekend.

“It’s just the nature of Greenbelt,” said Melissa Sites of the 25,000-plus donated books being picked over by a steady stream of hooked-on-books bargain hunters. “It’s just a great community effort – a common cause.”

The book drive, which is run

by Greenbelt Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), is designed to augment rising costs for school-related projects: field trips, library books and classroom materials.

Sites, a long-time local resident and active PTA volunteer, said donations this year were as strong as any other in recent times. She estimates that 95 percent of the books were donated by local residents alone. “It’s

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PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

With more than 25,000 books donated and over 75 volunteers working, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA used book sale is one of the mainstays of the Labor Day Festival.

## City Honors Jean Cook As Outstanding Citizen

by Jon Aerts

Amid the applause at the Labor Day festival in Greenbelt, one person stood out among the rest, as Jean Cook now describes “her” moment of overwhelming and humbling surprise. It was Cook who was named Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen for 2009.

What seemed ironic to Cook, who is well known in the area for her tireless work as a dedicated volunteer, is that her community should share in that honor. “Nowhere else do you find people so kind, so giving, so willing to reach out to each other,” she said. “You know, I wouldn’t want to live anywhere else.”

It’s safe to say the community said “ditto” to Cook last weekend, as she was recognized as one of Greenbelt’s finest. The outpouring of selfless effort that Cook herself practices started back in 1971 as her family, newly settled into Greenbelt, suffered a devastating house fire that consumed mostly everything. “You wouldn’t believe the outpouring of care for us when we needed it most,” says Cook of the life-altering event. “There was food, clothing and even toys for the kids.”

This kind of heartfelt response has clearly affected Cook’s own



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Jean Cook

passion to give of herself. In fact, bringing people together has become a lifelong calling for Cook, including her work as director of Greenbelt’s Combined Choir since 1975. In the 1980s she was an active member of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, presiding over the talent show and Greenbelt Pageant, and she has also been

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## Greenbelt Animal Shelter Now Successful Facility

by Shannon Hoffman

A picture hangs in the hallway of the Greenbelt Community Center of a dog sitting by a man, perhaps its owner, in a living room of old-fashioned décor. It’s noted that in the 1930s residents of Greenbelt were not allowed to have pets in the community.

Ironically, just a few strides down the hall and to the right, animal lovers and Greenbelt City Council members met for a work-session last week to discuss the recent progress of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and control program.

For the past six months the shelter has been fully staffed, allowing it to address city council management objectives. On Wednesday, September 9 staffers of the shelter informed council on 11 points of progress.

Mayor Judith F. Davis liked what she was hearing. “It’s a facility and a program we can be proud of,” she said at the end of the meeting. “You obviously care for the animals. It’s a part of the population of Greenbelt you have to take care of,” she told the shelter staff. What a change, for a community that once rejected pets.

The shelter, having been overseen by the council’s Planning and Community Development staff,

for nine years has been improving its facility and programs. Much discussion was devoted to three particular highlights: cat population control, animal adoption and volunteers.

### Cat Control

The trap/neuter/release program traps non-domesticated cats, which are then spayed or neutered and vaccinated at a clinic and returned to the area where trapped. The population control procedure has resulted in 17 cats in six months being caught, altered and returned.

The shelter estimates that 100 live cat births have been avoided this year, based on the statistics by the Feral Cat Coalition, which reports that a pair of breeding cats can produce 420,000 offspring in seven years.

Animal Control Officer Lauren Derise said the traps are checked every half hour and a towel over the cage helps to keep the cats calm.

“Greenbelt East is very receptive to the idea. They love seeing us out there,” said Senior Shelter Officer Suzie Root, though Mayor Davis noted that the community was originally skeptical of the program.

While the shelter reported that

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### Council Forums Set for October

Four Candidate Night Forums have been scheduled for the upcoming Greenbelt City Council Election. They are:

GEAC on Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center; GHI on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room in the Municipal Building; Green Ridge House Residents Association on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at Green Ridge House; and League of Women Voters on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

### What Goes On

**Monday, September 21 8 p.m.,** City Council Work-session, COG 2050 Presentation, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming on Greenbelt City Link.  
**Wednesday, September 23 8 p.m.,** City Council Work-session with BARC, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## Alliance Seeks Civility In Council Election

Greenbelters looking forward this year to a vibrant and constructive campaign for Council are looking forward to a civil campaign, as well.

Candidates may well critique, question and disagree with each other; and residents, hopefully, will have many questions to ask of them all.

Elementary standards of community and civility, however, demand an open and open-minded conduct of this process. This is true for both the candidates and their supporters.

Rumors and half-truths, as well as reports of “facts” without the benefit of context, traded over literal or electronic fences, ill serve all Greenbelters and our hopes for the future of our community. Research about candidates makes for a better informed electorate. Gossip and innuendo detract from a robust exchange of ideas and are not worthy in a discussion about Greenbelt, its elected officials and its residents.

*Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance, including and not limited to:*  
*Alice A. Mitchell,*  
*Shirley Middleton,*  
*Cynthia Newcomer, Ann Landry Lombardi, Michael Hartman, Lore Rosenthal, David Lange, Bill Orleans and Bob Rand*

## Sleepless in Greenbelt

I’m sleepless at Westway and Ridge. All of us are. Those within earshot of this mildly busy intersection are peering through bloodshot eyes each morning. The cause you ask?

Loud music? No, everyone is quite respectful in their listening habits. Rowdy teenagers? Only occasionally are their voices perceptible. Dogs barking? Mercifully, no. Man’s best friends see fit to keep their throaty protests to a minimum. It is not even the buses that regularly gun their large engines as they make their sweeping turns.

No, the cause of our restless nights is the incessant sound of a top volume car alarm, set off nearly every time one of these buses blows by on Westway. Honestly, I’ve grown accustomed to the dull hum of the Beltway, even when it crescendos with

motorcycles weaving through traffic. I respect the necessity of the earsplitting sounds our volunteer fire fighters make rushing to aid traffic accident victims on B-W Parkway. But I simply have no patience for the soulless lout who flouts our right to only the unavoidable oral assaults and indignities of suburban living.

No more please, kind sir or madam. Your device is as banal as it is ineffective in deterring break-ins to your vehicle. No one rushes to the aid of the alarm crying wolf every time a mass transit-induced breeze flows by. Give us peace from your auditory assault. Let us return to life without your constant cries. Find some other way to rest assured at night so that the rest of us may just rest.

*Sick n’ tired,*  
*Geoff Dabelko*

## Run for Board

In reply to Cheryl Gleason’s letter about trees in Charles-towne Village, I’d like to know what she has done about her complaint. I suggest she join the Charlestowne board as my neighbor did.

However, I caution everyone that our individual freedom ends when it encroaches on the rights of others. Surely we can use mediation to resolve community matters.

*Pauline Grant*

## Still Not Convinced 51 Trees Must Go

I would like to thank Lowell Owens for his thoughtful, insightful analysis of the plight of our local waterways and how they impact the greater watershed. He believes the Stream Valley Project will be beneficial. And I agree with my friend and neighbor to a certain degree. However, I also believe the whole conundrum would be better served through more beneficial (less brute force) tactics. Yes, the water is dirty and providing a series of esthetically pleasing filtration levels will undoubtedly do some good. But this is nothing more than placing a band-aid on a hemorrhage . . .

## Welcome Aboard!

Jon Aerts, Shannon Hoffman and Tami Le are journalism graduate students at the University of Maryland. In this week’s issue, Aerts wrote the Jean Cook, Book Fair and Ping-Pong competition stories and has one in overset – waiting for space. Hoffman covered a city council worksession on the Animal Shelter. Le has two stories in overset – the Miss Greenbelt Pageant and the new Greenbelt Idol. Her stories are waiting the detailed list of pageant winners and a good photo of the Idol winner and space in the News Review.

We look forward to more good work from these three students and a few more we have also heard from.

when what we should be addressing is the widespread causes, not the symptoms of this damaged stream. Curing sedimentation (a symptom) ignores what is causing it and, in effect, is short-sighted.

Since sedimentation occurs when storm water surges into this stream through underground pipes, an outfall, runoff from sparsely vegetated tracts of land, buildings and roads, it is better to look at these causes . . . and affect change there to reduce the amount of racing water . . . not at the site of damage as proposed.

Just suppose efforts are redirected . . . to incentivize hundreds of people to choose to garden more respectfully . . . by replacing grass with more substantive diverse plants grown organically? Without synthetic toxic chemicals that eventually run off into our water and by encouraging additional dense vegetation to slow and trap storm water, erosion and pollution are lessened. Why not put the swales back and stop the trend toward more and more underground pipes and add green roofs upstream? And create green jobs that will pay people to replenish the buffers along the streams, care for newly planted shrubs, trees, rain gardens and the like . . . that should be in sight of

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## Grin Belt



“Nope . . . couldn’t read the bar code.”

## On Screen

### Here Comes Mrs. Goldberg

“Yoo-hoo, Mrs. Goldberg” opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, September 18. The new documentary, by D.C.’s Aviva Kempner, portrays the ground-breaking, award-winning Gertrude Berg, who created and starred in “The Goldbergs.” Set in a Bronx tenement, the sitcom pivoted on the advise-giving (whether you wanted it or not) namesake.

After 17 years on radio, Berg switched to TV in 1949 to win more plaudits. Berg has been called “the Oprah Winfrey of her day.” Unrated; 92 minutes running time.

(Scheduled to open September 25 is Michael Moore’s “Capitalism: A Love Story.”)

– Eli Flam

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF SEPT 18

Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg (NR)

Friday  
\*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday & Sunday  
\*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Monday - Thursday  
\*5:15, 7:30

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COMING NEXT:

Michael Moore's Capitalism: A Love Story

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\*These shows at \$6.00

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# Fundraiser

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 is having a fundraiser for Jim Capino's daughter Kimberly on September 26, 2009. Kimberly at the age of 16 has had a rare neurological condition for the past 3 years. She has had 3 brain surgeries that have not seemed to have helped. Now she is looking at deep brain stimulation. She has to see five neurologists to decided how to do this procedure. Kim will have to travel to Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia and Toronto.

Volunteers here at the Post are in the process of having a "Casino" type of activity with food and beverages and much more.




Saturday—September 26

3:00 to 6:30 p.m. Disc Jockey Band (?????)

6:30 p.m. to ????

Tickets on sale now \$25.00 each

Available for purchase delicious assortment of food, including "Little Tavern Hamburgers"



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# Community Events

## At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, September 22, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 23, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, September 24, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

### Essay Workshop

A college application essay workshop for teens and their parents will be held Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. Need to write a college application essay? Want to improve chances of being accepted to the university or college of choice by writing a fantastic essay? This workshop is designed to show students and parents what college admissions officers look for in an essay. The workshop will cover the types of topics students will meet, describe the four steps to writing a winning essay and critique a sample admissions essay.

## Kids' Caregiver Group To Meet at Library

On Thursday, September 24 at 11:30 a.m. the newly forming Parent/Caregiver Group will meet at the Greenbelt Library in the Children's area. It is hoped the group will meet there regularly on Thursday mornings.

Parents of young children (and the children's caregivers, including grandparents and nannies) are invited to discuss and design a group in which resources (e.g., children's clothing, parenting strategies, baby sitting exchange) can be shared.

Space is limited. Interested persons may call Li'l Dan at 240-643-3768 or email dansquared-fitness@yahoo.com for more details.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, September 18, Offices closed. (Emergency maintenance available; call 301-474-6011.)

Monday September 21, 7 p.m., Communication Committee – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, September 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Caregivers Support Group to Meet

Those who feel the stress and isolation that often come with being full-time caregivers are invited to join the Greenbelt Caregiver's Support Group to gain support, knowledge and insight from other caregivers. The group is open to in-home or long-distance caregivers to friends or family members with chronic health or mental health conditions.

The group, formerly facilitated by Rosemary Allendar on the first Monday of the month, will now be led by Julia Frank, LGSW, GAIL Program Case Manager/Counselor and held on the second Monday, starting with the meeting on October 12. The meeting is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Community Center.

Advance registration is needed – sign up at least one week before the meeting by calling Frank at 301-345-6660.

## Reel and Meal Film Features Nat'l Parks

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal will join the Sierra Club on Monday, September 21 to host a party honoring the National Parks and will show a free one-hour preview of the 12-hour documentary "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." The full documentary will air later in the month on PBS in a six-episode series.

The free film will be shown at the New Deal Café at 7 p.m. An optional vegan meal is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

The film is directed by Ken Burns, written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan. A discussion following the film will be led by Bob Cahalan, who heads NASA-Goddard's Climate and Radiation Branch and is the co-founder of CHEARS (Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society).

Filmed over six years at spectacular locales, the film is a story of people from every background who devoted themselves to saving land they love. It is a story of struggle and conflict, high ideals and crass opportunism, stirring adventure and enduring inspiration set against breathtaking backdrops.

Email bob@chears.org for more information.

## The Bus

Seniors and  
Customers with Disabilities  
**RIDE FREE**

## Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held on Friday, September 25 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The urgent need for blood makes it important to have a large turnout.

For an appointment call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for those unable to make their appointments.

## Exploring Estate Planning Sept. 25

Estate planning issues facing seniors is the subject of the Explorations Unlimited talk on Friday, September 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center Senior Lounge, Room 114.

Those who want to pass funds to grandchildren or leave funds to a favorite charity will want to attend this informative seminar by Gregory Dawson of Dawfin, LLC.

February 8, 2006, Maryland adopted the "Deficit Reduction Act" pertaining to nursing homes and Medicaid eligibility issues. This law has made it more difficult for seniors to protect assets if they enter a nursing home.

Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

## Co-op Hosts Cooking Demo

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative is sponsoring a cooking demo and sampling on Monday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chef Bill Scepansky is coming to the Co-op to promote "consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and healthier diets for the public as a whole." This month, Chef Bill will highlight a traditional Spanish white gazpacho. Co-op wine consultant John Mealey will recommend a few wines to pair with this tasty dish. This event is free and open to the public.

## Walking Club Sponsors Event

The Greenbelt Walking Club will sponsor two walks on Saturday, September 19 starting at the College Park Airport. One walk will be 5 km (3.1 mile), the other 10 km (6.2 mile), on a mix of paved sidewalks and nature trails, with one short connector trail. Register for the event between 8 a.m. and noon and finish the walk by 3 p.m.

For further information or questions call Salva Holloman at 301-937-3549 or email John Holloman at mcjohn\_h@verizon.net.

## Backyard Astrophysics Discussion Is Sept. 24

On Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold a discussion of backyard astrophysics at the H.B. Owens Science Center. The speaker will be David R. ("Rick") Skillman, who is with NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center in a laser ranging group. His current project is to develop instruments that can measure the distance between two spacecraft several astronomical units apart to an accuracy of a few centimeters. (An astronomical unit is the distance from the Earth to the sun.)

Skillman currently has a remote-controlled 26-inch scope in Front Royal which he uses to search for new asteroids. He has found about 20 new ones. He built his first telescope, a 6 inch Newtonian, when he was in sixth grade.

The Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. All are welcome.

### NEW DEAL CAFÉ

Wine Tasting  
New Line of Fall Wines  
Appetizers & Dessert  
Wednesday, October 7  
7:00 p.m.  
\$45 per person  
See Chef Karim

More Community Events  
can be found on  
pages 4, 5 and 12

### Join Scouting Night

We are looking for young men from  
First through Fifth Grades  
and their parents  
to come join in the fun!!!  
**Thursday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**  
Greenbelt Community Church: 1 Hillside Road  
Cubmaster: Gary Sanderson 301.552.4795  
cubinfo@pack202.org www.pack202.org

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

### Week of SEPT 18

FRI. – SAT.  
Sorority Row, R (!)  
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10  
Whiteout, R (!)  
11:40, 2:15, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20  
Cloudy with the Chance of  
Meatballs, PG (!)  
11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:45, 10  
Tyler Perry's  
"I Can Do Bad all by Myself"  
PG-13 (!)  
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Jennifer's Body, R (!)  
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The Informant, R (!)  
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### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women,  
men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

### Greenbelt Arts Center

Closing This Weekend  
**NO Two Gentlemen of Verona**  
Fridays & Saturdays  
Sept 18 & 19 at 8:00 pm  
*A classic bromance - without the bros*  
Presented by the Rude Mechanicals  
Tickets \$15/\$12 students and seniors

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP • <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>  
COMING SOON: BUS STOP: 9/25 – 10/17



# Obituaries

## Walter W. Andersen

Walter William Andersen (“Walt”), 74, died suddenly August 31, 2009, after collapsing at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Born August 26, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minn., he was a son of Walter W. and Frances C. Andersen (both deceased). The family moved briefly to Washington, D.C., and arrived in Baltimore, Md., when Walt was about three years old.

He served for three years in the U.S. Army, during which he married Annie and their son John was born. Later, after a brief job in Baltimore, Walt worked for over two years in Alaska and Canada, during which Anne and John moved to Greenbelt (on Crescent Road) and son David was born. Anne and the boys moved to Greenhill Road in 1962, where Walt rejoined them in 1963.

He worked, mostly as a computer specialist, at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and later at various naval locations in the D.C. area. He retired in 2007 from the Military Sealift Command at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

After retirement, he joined Greenbelt’s Golden Age Club, Computer Club and Book Discussion Group. He attended several courses related to current events. He had been a member of Greenbelt Community Church and, later, of Greenbelt Baptist Church.

His widow, Anne, still lives in Greenbelt. Son John (married to Beverly) lives in Falls Church, Va., and son David in Orange, Va. Walt is also survived by brother Neil Andersen of Crawfordville, Fla.; sister Frances Lovaas of Reston, Va.; and several other relatives.

The viewing and service were on September 5, 2009, at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville. Inurnment will be next spring in rural Minnesota. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11331 Amherst Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

## Co-op Holds Program On Healthy Breakfast

On Wednesday, September 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Co-op Produce Department, Ellen Siegel and Kim Rush Lynch will discuss the benefits of eating a healthy breakfast and present ideas and tips to liven up the meal. A wholesome and hearty breakfast, they point out, balances blood sugar and improves energy levels.

The event is part of the Co-op’s continuing “Shop Healthy Series.” The next one will be “Glorious Grains” on October 28.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Park Celebrates Public Lands Day

The National Park Service National Capital Parks’ East will celebrate National Public Lands Day at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, September 26 from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

National Public Lands Day is the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance public lands. Volunteers are needed to help clean the Still Creek Watershed in the park, participate in an REI trail maintenance project and remove invasive plants.

Those participating in the Still Creek Cleanup are asked to wear boots or sturdy shoes, everything else is provided. Students who need credit hours are welcomed.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and project work at 9 a.m. All participants need to pre-register by contacting REI at 301-982-9681. For more details call Park Ranger Kevin Barry at 301-344-3944.

## Beltsville Garden Club September Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. The speaker this month is Steve Shinholser of Premier Ponds. Shinholser will discuss the steps to designing and building a water feature in the average yard. He will help decide location, size and the best way to maximize the homeowner’s pond.

Premier Ponds is located in Burtonsville and is one of the largest independent pond builders in the Washington Metro area. There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome; admission is free.

For details call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

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<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
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**Mass Schedule:**  
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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
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**Sunday School 10:00am      Worship Service 10:00am**

**Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**

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**Welcome!**

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

**ALL are Welcome!**

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

The strife between religions, nations and races arises from misunderstanding. If we investigate the religions to discover the principles underlying their foundations, we will find they agree; for the fundamental reality of them is one and not multiple. By this means the religionists of the world will reach their point of unity and reconciliation. (Abdu’l-Bahá)



Greenbelt Bahá’í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

**ROSH HASHANAH** begins Fri. evening Sept. 18  
**YOM KIPPUR** begins Sun. evening Sept. 27

**Sukkot begins:** Fri., Oct. 2  
Dairy pot-luck dinner in the Sukkah Fri. at 6:30 pm  
Followed by a special family Shabbat service at 7:30 pm


**Simchat Torah begins:** Sat., Oct. 10  
Services and Israeli dancing for the entire family at 7:30 pm

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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway  
(Behind the Community Center)

*We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!*  
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each and everyone (not things for which you have to search across acres of grass and concrete)? As it stands now, after trees are planted, they die because there is no one to care for them. What a waste of time and effort, not to mention money! We need at least 51 more trees, not fewer.

*Jean Newcomb*

## THANKS!

Once again it is time to say thank you to so many people who helped make the Greenbelt Elementary School Book Sale bigger and better than ever! We once again broke records for gross and net incomes, ensuring that our PTA program year will get off to a great start, including our visionary plans for Art Integration in the school this year.

First, thanks to the generosity of the people of Greenbelt who donated around 25,000 books to our cause. Grateful thanks are due to the patience and flexibility of Manager Bob Davis and the staff at Greenbelt Co-op, for receiving this huge amount of donations. Thanks also to Generous Joe's and the New Deal Café for their support, to McCormick Paint of College Park for the use of their pallets and to Public Works for all their help with pallets and cleanup.

Thanks to all the PTA volunteers who worked so hard making book pickups from the Co-op, sorting books in the book room, moving books to the sale, setting up, selling books in shifts, organizing volunteers and cleaning it all up afterward. We also thank Principal Kim Seidel, teachers and staff, for patience and flexibility in letting us use the Music Room during the month of August and the first two weeks of school.

Thanks also to everyone who helped with our parade entry, which won this year for Best Theme: "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Thanks to everyone who lent wagons and marched in the parade, helping us hand out one thousand free books to the people of Greenbelt and drawing crowds to our Sale for the Free Books and Donation Day on Monday.

Every person who helped with the Book Sale should feel proud for contributing to this impressive community effort; your work and generosity are very much appreciated and vital to the successes we look forward to in the coming year for GESPTA.

*Melissa Sites,*  
*Book Sale Chair and*  
*GESPTA Vice President*

## Justin Ross Leads Homeowner's Seminar

On Thursday, September 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Justin Ross will lead a homeowner's seminar to learn more about home assessments, property taxes and tax credits available to homeowners. Representatives from the state and Prince George's County Government, in addition to real estate experts from the private sector, will be there to answer questions and discuss the assessment appeals process. The seminar will be held at Greenbelt Elementary School.

For information and RSVPs call Gia Franzone at 301-858-3652 or email justin.ross@house.state.md.us.

## Fall Folk Dance Open House Party

The Greenbelt Folk Dance Class sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold its annual Fall Open Party on Friday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center to kick off the fall class series. The party is open to anyone interested in learning international dances, who likes to be with a friendly group of people and who shares a love

of music and dance from many different cultures. The dance will be led by Roland Forbes, long-time folk dance expert in the Washington, D.C., area.


There is no charge for the party; partners are not necessary but comfortable clothing and shoes are a must. Participants can also register for the upcoming class. For details call 301-397-2200.

## BCWWG Bird Walk Is Sunday, Sept. 20

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will host a bird walk at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on Sunday, September 20 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. The group will meet at the USDA National Visitor's Center (just east of Research Road, between Powder Mill and Beaverdam Roads). Songbirds, raptors

and others are migrating south. Come see local birds in a relatively undisturbed area. All abilities welcome; binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing recommended.

For further information contact Michel Cavigelli at michel.cavigelli@yahoo.com, 301-614-0691 or 240-304-9480.



# City Information

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 3, 2009, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 2 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee ballots. This job would entail working for two or three hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 3. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee ballot clerks is \$35.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov to request a form. You may also print out the form from the City Web site.

### MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 21-25

Monday, September 21 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, COG 2050 PRESENTATION**, at Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and Streaming on Greenbelt CityLink.

Wednesday, September 23 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with BARC**, at Greenbelt Community Center.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City*

### GREENBELT LABOR DAY TOURNAMENTS

#### LABOR DAY TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Friday, September 4 the Greenbelt Recreation Department held its annual Labor Day Table Tennis Tournament at the Youth Center. Tournaments were held for both singles and doubles table tennis. A total of 20 individuals competed in the singles tournament. The tournament champion was a familiar face. John Anderson defeated Fred Smith to win the singles championship. Anderson is a fixture in the tournament and has won over five times. In the doubles tournament, John Anderson came away victorious again as he and his partner, Yuan Riu, defeated the tandem of Fred Smith and Ryan Arev. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated.

#### RICHARD "REDS" ROLAND MEMORIAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT


On Saturday, September 5 the Greenbelt Recreation Department held the annual Labor Day Horseshoe Tournament with eight participants. Competitions were held for both singles and doubles horseshoes. In the singles tournament, Mike Ginsburg defeated Mike King in the championship match. Mike and Rich Ginsburg combined to win the doubles tournament by defeating Trevor Siegel and Burt Kerr. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all participants for carrying on this tournament tradition.

#### LABOR DAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT


The tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend and the weather could not have been much better. The 2009 Labor Day Softball Tournament began with 7 teams on Saturday playing for 6 spots in Sunday's double-elimination tournament. Four teams finished games on Saturday with winning records and it was apparent that the championship would be up for grabs on Sunday. When it was all said and done, the veteran-laden squad, Team Biggs, came away the victors capturing the championship with a perfect Sunday. Cropp Metcalfe/ISAGENIX had an impressive showing as the #4 seed, battling through several games on Sunday to reach the championship, but they just ran out of gas in their final game. Congratulations to Team Biggs and thanks to all the teams that participated and helped make this year's tournament a great success.

### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Rabbit, Beautiful and Booger on their adoptions! Much happiness in their new homes!




**Princess:** Older German Shepard mix. Gentle and friendly.




**Pinky:** High energy female 1-1/2 year old white Jack Russell mix.

**Ike:** Sweet black white male cat.



**Kittens:** 2 black male kittens. 10 weeks old. Very cute and lovable.



**Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.**

*For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.*

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS

Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

**Monday, September 21** at 8pm: City Council Work Session "live."

**Tuesday-Friday, September 22-25:** **1pm** "Ask the Expert" **2pm** "Miss Greenbelt Pageant 2009" **5pm** "Ask the Expert" **6pm** "Miss Greenbelt Pageant 2009" **9pm** "Replay of Council Meeting of September 21"

### GREENBELT RECREATION KAYAKING TRIP

The Greenbelt Senior Center once again has three openings for the kayaking trip on Saturday, September 26. This trip will be going to the Salisbury area to enjoy a 2-hour guided kayaking trip using tandem kayaks and then enjoy a home-cooked lunch. Anyone from age eight on up is welcome to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The vans will leave the library parking lot at 8:00am and return by 4:00pm. Pre-registration is required and there is a fee. Please call 240-542-2054 for more information.

**GREENBELT RECREATION**

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Drop in available.

M/W/F 9:30am-10:45am, Community Center Room 106

Ages 16-Adult, Instructor: Judy Cocchairo

**For registration information call 301-397-2208.**

### GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM

**YOUTH SOCCER SHORTS** (3 year olds)

Saturdays @ 9am, beginning September 26 (six total sessions)

Braden Field #2, Resident: \$25; Non-Resident: \$30

**YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE** (4&5 year olds)

Wednesday Practices @ 6pm; Saturday Games @ 10am (Practices begin Wednesday, Sept. 16) Braden Field #2

Resident: \$50; Non-Resident: \$60

For more information please call 301-397-2200.

Registration is limited!

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

Vacancies exist on: Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee For more info call 301-474-8000.

**Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr.**

**GREENBELT CITYLINK:** [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

**For information on City government, services, and events.**



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Washington 2050 Committee, the newly-formed Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee and the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, which she has served on since its inception. In the past she served on COG’s Budget/Finance Committee, Ad Hoc Elected Officials’ Green Building Committee and Climate Change Steering Committee. Davis is a member of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee for the National League of Cities, having first been appointed in 2005. Due to her focus on environmental issues, Davis has brought back innovative ideas and best practices to be incorporated by the city.

In addition Davis is a past president of both the Prince George’s County Municipal Association (PGCMA) and the Prince George’s Elected Municipal Women. Davis served nine years on PGCMA’s board of directors advocating Greenbelt’s positions at the county level. This past June, Davis was re-elected for a tenth term on the Maryland Municipal League’s board of directors and was also elected vice president of the Maryland Mayors Association. She is a member of Women in Government Service and Women in Municipal Government. In 2002 Davis became a graduate fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance established by the Institute for Government Service.

Davis was selected Woman of the Year 2000-2001 by the Business and Professional Women/USA. She is also a recipient of an award for Outstanding Leadership and Service in Politics by the Minority Affairs Committee of Prince George’s County Educators Association (PGCEA).

Davis retired in 1999 after 30 years as a sixth grade teacher at Gaywood Elementary School in Seabrook. An educator for 35 years, she holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from West Chester State University in West Chester, Pa. She served PGCEA as board member and treasurer.

Davis is an active member of many civic organizations including the Greenbelt Arts Center, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Golden Age Club and Greenbelt Lions. She is also a member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Friends of the National Zoo, Sierra Club and Purple Line Now.

In her spare time, Davis enjoys skiing, the Washington Opera and walking on the beach with her two nieces, Jessica and Felice.

### Che Sayles

Che Sayles is currently the president of the Greenbelt West Residents Association (GWRA), a member of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G), Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance (GNA) and the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (G-CAN). Sayles is also working on the Three Sisters of Greenbelt Community Garden Project with the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake watershed environment.

As president of the GWRA, Sayles is committed to providing a face and voice to his community in Greenbelt West. Sayles advocates on behalf of the resi-

dents of Empirian Village and to work with the City of Greenbelt, Empirian Village management, Greenbelt Police Department, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School, Beltway Plaza and local businesses. The organization’s motto is “One City, One Greenbelt.”

As a member of TRU-G, Sayles has been advocating for improved, expanded and more reliable public transportation in the City of Greenbelt.

As a member of the GNA, Sayles has worked for free public meeting spaces for Greenbelt organizations, public ads in support of diversity on the Greenbelt City Council and increasing the advertising of city events in all three parts of our beloved city – East, West and Central Greenbelt.

As a member of Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Sayles is working to ensure that our local, state and federal government is working on legislation to keep our environment safe and clean.

Sayles lives in Greenbelt West, Empirian Village, with his wife Kanija Sayles. He is a graduate of Howard University with a degree in political science. Though he has been a resident of Greenbelt for a relatively short period of time, he brings with him experience, understanding and a unique perspective that will allow him to approach challenges and opportunities with a fresh outlook and common sense. He has worked for the Executive Office of the President of the United States, Department of Energy, a Maryland State Senator and currently the Prince George’s County government.

For more information on Sayles, he invites visits to his website at [www.chesaylesforcouncil.com](http://www.chesaylesforcouncil.com).

### Rodney Roberts

Rodney Roberts, 51, is a life-long Greenbelt resident and lives with his wife, Tara. He attended Prince George’s County schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. A 1975 graduate of the National Technical Institute in College Park, Roberts is the sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles (celebrating 10 years in business).

Roberts is serving his ninth term on council, the last four as mayor pro tem. He attended nearly every council meeting during the four years prior to being elected to city council in 1991, becoming known as an outspoken community activist. During his 18 years on council, Roberts has never missed a regular council meeting. (He missed one work-session and an executive session due to illness.) Roberts enjoys volunteering his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Service (GIVES) and the New Deal Café among others. When the New Deal Café was in danger of closing, Roberts donated over 100 hours of his time working with a small group of volunteers to install a commercial kitchen. Roberts designed, fabricated, welded and installed the superstructure required to hang the fire suppression hood (the heart of the kitchen). He also installed the hood and ventilation systems. Because of this volunteer effort, the Café was able to install a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen for less than \$30,000, a savings of more than \$70,000, giving the Café a new

lease on life. In 1991 Roberts proposed and worked through to implementation, a community policing program that included the city’s first police bicycle patrols. Since then he has worked to increase bike patrols throughout the city and to establish police substations in Greenbelt East and Beltway Plaza. Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city’s acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original “Green Belt.” Roberts continued to advocate for the long-term protection of our city owned forests. This resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt forest preserve consisting initially of 225 acres. Roberts testifies on behalf of the city before state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreation, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004 he testified before the state Board of Public Works (consisting of the Comptroller, Governor and Treasurer). Overcoming initial opposition from Comptroller William D. Schaefer and Governor Robert L. Ehrlich; he secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 10 acres known as the “Sunrise Property” in Greenbelt East, one of Greenbelt’s newest forest preserves. Roberts has consistently opposed yearly city tax increases for nonessential hiring and other items.

Roberts served as a member of the Metro Area Sector Planning Group. He is a member of the Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board, City Council Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Arts Activity Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.

(Candidate profiles are prepared by the candidates.)

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truly a statement about what’s important to people here,” adds Sites.

Boxes and boxes of books, oh my – they had it all, from the “How-To’s” on gardening and quilting, to Mary Shelley’s classic Frankenstein. Sites even spotted a 50th Anniversary Edition of Pippi Longstocking (a German version!) hiding among the 852 boxes stacked and strewn across the Co-op parking lot. You couldn’t miss them.

Beatrice Sanders, one of several PTA volunteers keeping things in check, described how one man walked away with \$33 in philosophy books.

Mayor Judith Davis was likewise sighted at the popular book-worm bonanza on Friday. “This is where I get my year’s worth of reading,” she said, while scanning a laundry-list of book titles on her notepad. “It’s a great event – and there are always plenty to choose from.”

Pointing to a pink sign that read “\$2 Hardcover . . . \$1 paperbacks,” Sanders noted the book drive is the PTA’s biggest annual money-maker. To be sure, such revenues come at an important time for returning students of Greenbelt Elementary School. So, for now, eat your heart out, Barnes & Noble – and better yet, at a fraction of the cost.

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the cat population will become increasingly controlled over the next years, the rate of animal adoptions “has taken off,” said Root.

In the past year, 31 dogs and 48 cats have been adopted from the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and the average length of time an animal spends at the shelter is down to one or two months from six months.

Shelter workers credit this improvement to healthy animals, a grassroots publicity strategy and the dedication of the shelter’s manager, Kim DeAngelis.

### Volunteer Program

Also booming for the shelter is the volunteer program. It’s so popular, in fact, that shelter workers find it necessary to recruit a volunteer coordinator for training and monitoring. Volunteers walk dogs, socialize and groom cats, provide foster care for young animals and one volunteer regularly cleans the shelter.

It was noted by Councilmember Rodney Roberts that this appears to be a major improvement in volunteer usage.

Council and shelter staff discussed other points of progress, including speedier response to calls and messages, kennel management, veterinary care, staff training, resolving difficult adoption situations, outreach and community involvement, public service and plans for expansion.

### Other Progress

Response and Communications: Although the shelter has been criticized in the past for subpar response to calls, a full staff has reduced and perhaps completely resolved that issue. With at least 60 hours of patrol time and programs a week, an on-call procedure handled by the Police Department and available contact information, Davis said she has not received any recent complaints about failed communication by the shelter.

Kennel Management: The designation of one staff member as kennel manager has resulted in better maintenance of the facility

and more staff hours for other duties. It has also made it possible for the shelter to hold visiting hours with adoptees on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Veterinary Care: To control veterinary expenses the shelter has partnered with visiting veterinarian Dr. Laura Kressler, who performs general wellness checks, administers vaccinations and provides in-house spay/neuter surgeries and euthanizing in the instance of disease or extreme aggression.

Staff Training: Both animal control officers have completed DEA training for the administration of controlled drugs and other shelter-care issues. The officers will soon be able to administer routine vaccinations, conduct simple lab procedures and euthanize when necessary, which will in turn reduce health-care costs and create more free time.

The shelter reports that it has had fairly satisfactory outcomes in the several difficult cases of abused or neglected animals. This includes one case in which an adult dog and nine puppies were removed from an irresponsible owner and then all 10 were adopted.

### Outreach

The shelter holds two major community events, the Pet Expo and the Pooch Plunge, and it receives one percent of PetSmart charity money annually. Last year one of the shelter’s German shepherd puppies, Mac, appeared on Animal Planet’s Puppy Bowl and placed fourth among 20 puppies.

### Public Service

Shelter workers have been practicing high quality service by doing deeds outside of their job descriptions: helping an elderly couple find their cat, grooming the dog of a disabled owner and transporting a poisoned cat to the veterinarian because its owner was not feeling well either.

### Yet to Come

There are aspirations to expand with a donation-funded in-shelter clinical and treatment area that would provide all spay and neuter procedures.



**Wayne Noll**

**Brad Johns**

**Chris Koehler**

**Dave Eisenhauer**

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**Friday—September 25**

**8:00 p.m. to midnight**

**\$5.00 donation at door**

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		Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Loin Chops or Roast	<b>\$ 1<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
		Hatfield Sliced Bacon Assorted 1 lb.	<b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>
		Fresh Value Pack Split Chicken Breasts	<b>\$ 1<sup>49</sup></b> lb.
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**Attempted Murder**  
September 5, 11:18 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A resident juvenile stabbed another juvenile during a fight. The resident juvenile was charged in Juvenile Court in connection with the assault and released to a parent pending action by the department of juvenile services.

**DWI**  
September 9, 11:42 p.m., 100 block Westway. Following a traffic stop a 31-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with violations that included driving while intoxicated and negligent driving. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Burglaries**  
September 9, 7:32 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. A computer was taken.

September 10, 12:19 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Five puppies were taken.

**Vandalism**  
September 9, 12:44 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Two windows were broken.

**Disorderly Conduct**  
September 4, 11:08 p.m., Unit block Crescent Road. An 18-year-old resident male was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and later released on a citation pending trial.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
Three vehicles were stolen: from 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace a blue 2005 Chrysler Pacifica with MD tag 26667M8; from 8200 block Canning Terrace a black 1998 Nissan Maxima with MD tag 9ERL04; from 6500 block Capitol Drive a black 2009 Chevrolet Silverado with MD tag 68W240.

There were five reports of thefts from autos. Tags were stolen in two locations, 7700 block Hanover Parkway (front MD tag FFA0722) and 100 block Centerway (MD tags 4DSV14). Two catalytic converters were stolen, one each from 7500 block Greenway Drive and 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Tools were taken from a vehicle in the 6500 block Capitol Drive.

There were two reports of vandalism to autos: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (car scratched) and 7400 block Greenway Center Drive (vent window broken).

Two stolen vehicles were recovered; no arrests were made.

# Local Contingent Gathers on Health Care

by Mary Willis Clarke

On Thursday, September 10 more than 40 advocates of health insurance reform gathered at noon in front of Greenbelt's New Deal Café. Participants signed Declarations of Support endorsing passage of reform legislation this year and thanking Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski for her efforts thus far.

Participants were called together on short notice by Organizing for America (OFA), the grassroots project of the Democratic National Committee built upon President Obama's campaign email lists. At times, the gathering took on the zeal of a religious revival.

Invited to tell individual health care stories, one woman described the cost of health care insurance for her daughter, who recently left her job to go to graduate school. She could not afford the \$400 per

month expense so the 23-year-old student is currently without health care insurance.

Another man declared that he "would have had to sell his house to finance an aneurysm repair" if Medicare had not paid for the lifesaving procedure. (Medicare is the government-run single-payer insurance program for older persons).

OFA volunteer Ashwain Jain told his personal story of cancer treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma seven years ago when he was only 13. His medical care was possible because of his parents' medical insurance policy.

OFA volunteer Nina Anziska described her gratitude that the medical care needed by her elderly grandmother could be provided because of medical insurance coverage.

The OFA volunteers leading the September 10 meet-up provided statistics about OFA's efforts

on behalf of President Obama's health care insurance reforms. The volunteers said that OFA had already sponsored 12,000 events in 2,500 communities with 2,000 "Let's Get It Done: Organizing for America to Call for Health Insurance Reform Now" events scheduled for that day.

Slightly apart from the group of fervent health insurance reform supporters waving "Stand Together for Health Insurance Reform" signs, two individuals quietly displayed posters proclaiming that "Socialism has never worked - we are Americans" and "Illegal Aliens could receive taxpayer-funded health insurance under H.R. 3200."

*Disclaimer: This reporter's name is on the Organizing for America email distribution lists because of last year's campaign contributions; she intends to place a poster in her yard supporting health insurance reform.*



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# Greenbelt Seniors Rack-up a Winning Season



PHOTO BY IRV SALZBERG

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League ended the season with a highest-ever mark of 14 wins. In a final playoff game on August 17, Greenbelt pressed Dundalk before losing, 13-10. Several new players helped best last year's total of six wins and a previous high of 12 victories behind manager-pitcher Ray Reed, assistant manager-pitcher John Strekel and assistant manager-first baseman Irv Salzberg. Team officials said the support received from the City of Greenbelt has been a large factor in this year's success.

Pictured above are: First row (left to right): Irv Salzberg, George Harrison, John Benish, Jim Harbaugh and Paul Williams. Second row: Carl Reed, Ray Reed (Coach/Manager), Joe Battle, Jasper Pendergrass, Robert Smith and John Sunderberk (umpire). Third row: Larry Dandridge, David Kerr, Don (Lefty) Smith, Phil Olson, Fred Bohle, Jim Dugan, John Strekel and Burt Kerr. Shown above (left to right): Michael Schultz, Eli Flam, Harlan Park, Luis Rivera, Willie White and John Mack.

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a long-time member of the Greenbelt Board of Elections.

When Cook took over as Director of Greenbelt’s Combined Choir back in 1975, the group performed in countless holiday events, including Easter, the Festival of Lights and Thanksgiving. “Bringing different people and choirs together through song is Greenbelt at its best,” she said.

In 1995 Cook became a member of the Greenbelt Board of Elections and also helped found the Boxwood Civic Association, an organization through which she created a \$500 scholarship award for Boxwood students.

Work Expands

In 2000 Cook decided to expand her volunteer work through the Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Program (GIVES) focused on neighbors helping the elderly and frail.

And when two of Cook’s three sons – a Navy pilot and an Army recruiter – were deployed to Iraq, Cook found an opportunity to serve at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, working for the Fisher House’s “home-away-from-home” program for military families and recovering soldiers.

When Cook is not participating in fund-raisers, community events or programs, she finds the time to teach English to Latinos at the St. Camillus Church in



Jean Cook and her husband Edward pose with the proclamation that declared her Greenbelt's 2009 Outstanding Citizen.

PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Silver Spring. “I’m a bit of a globe-trotter,” says Cook of her lifestyle. “Sometimes that means working for Habitat for Humanity in places like El Salvador or Guatemala; sometimes it means just digging holes,” says Cook of the unskilled bucket brigades that travel to such places.

Going to such poverty-stricken countries in the world seems – in a sense – like something of a mini-vacation for Cook, who likens it to discovering what is most important in life: “What a blessed and full life we have here in Greenbelt, Maryland . . . the comfort, the kids and neighborhoods we all enjoy,” she adds.

“Greenbelt is a community that shares the best of itself with others – isn’t that what it’s all about?”

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## Ping-Pong Competition Is Aced by Anderson Again

by Jon Aerts

Forget Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras or what’s his name, Federer. You wouldn’t know it by looking at this man – dressed in worn blue jeans and a slack, white T-shirt – but this guy, say locals, has what it takes for Ping-Pong glory. “You know, he wins every year,” says Greenbelt’s Sports and Recreation Director Andrew Phelan.

“He” is John Anderson, who says he once played second string in the Ping-Pong Olympics, toured China and Canada with the “greats” of the 70s and 80s and at the Labor Day Festival, like so many other tournaments past, earned another trophy in Greenbelt’s 2009 Table Tennis Championship over the holiday weekend.

Although turnout was thin this year, with nothing to measure greatness – two onlookers, six opponents – fame is not what motivates Anderson – nor treasure, for that matter. In fact, Anderson’s passion for table tennis goes back 40 years: “It keeps me active and healthy,” he says with a grin. “And it also keeps me out of trouble.”

While we may only speculate as to why he is affectionately referred to as John “spin control” Anderson, the man rarely minces words across the net.

“He’s known to call months ahead to secure his time and date at the serve,” says Phelan of the competition schedule. “He’s kind of a man on a mission.”

However, Anderson, a lifelong resident of Hyattsville, never lets his Ping-Pong prowess go to his head. “I’ve got so many trophies, I’ve had to put most of them in storage but I come to Greenbelt every year expecting better competition.”

In his spare time Anderson



Ping-Pong champ John Anderson sizes up the competition across the table set with trophies from prior wins at this year’s Labor Day Festival competition.

also runs a troupe of Ping-Pong paddlers at the East County Community Center in Silver Spring. “It’s all about the kids, for me,” he says.

Other contenders Friday included Fred Smith, a 29-year-old Greenbelter, whose girlfriend, Krista Shnabel, was cheering “Go Fred, Go!” between serves.

When asked about Anderson, Shnabel went to a cautious whisper: “The only year Fred actually won was when John ‘sort of’ dropped the paddle,” says Shnabel with a nervous giggle. That was in 2007, when Anderson turned up late – but then still managed to wallop Greenbelters in doubles play later that evening.

“Yeah, it’s true I once played in the Olympics,” says the wistful guy of his glory years. “But I come to Greenbelt expecting the best each year. If I know I’m going to beat my opponent, I’ll take it easy on him,” says Anderson with a smirk. “Of course, if he’s at my level of play, well, then I’m gonna show him the whole package.”

Hey, Greenbelters! Better start practicing for 2010.



Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Fire Department volunteer and Vietnam veteran Art McKenney, who died on September 4, 2009.

We were sorry to hear of the death on September 5, 2009, of pioneer Greenbelter Paul Runnion, Jr., of Beltsville.

### Congratulations to:

– The following 10 ERHS seniors who have been named semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program; Alice Chang, Laura E. Jones, Andy X. Li, Marika R. Nell, Wesley E. Rian, Thomas R. Senecal, Blossom Z. Tewelde, Ursula A. Tooley, Jeffrey X. Wang and Maia V. Werbos. These academically talented students are among 16,000 nationally who will have an opportunity to continue in competition for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships worth over \$36 million that will be awarded next spring.

– Douglas and Ann Sutherland of Lakeside Drive, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 5 at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi.

Best wishes to News Review staffer Judi Bordeaux for a speedy recovery from a broken arm that cut short her vacation and gave us all a new respect for new-era transporters.

To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

## NAMI Support Group Meets

The National Association for the Mentally Ill’s (NAMI) New Carrollton Area Support Group will meet at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton on Monday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This supportive work group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each other’s challenges and solutions.

For more information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

## Goddard Visitor Center Spherical Movie Night

On Thursday, September 24 NASA Goddard Space Flight Center will host a free public showing and lecture on the new movie “Largest.” This seven-minute movie will be shown at 7 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. in the Science On a Sphere Theater at the Goddard Visitor Center. There is no charge but visitors must pre-register to attend the event.

The film is based on data from NASA’s robotic missions to the outer solar system as well as Hubble Space Telescope observations. Jupiter is a gas giant more than 11 times wider than Earth, with a small core shrouded beneath a cloak of toxic clouds and oceans of liquid metallic hydrogen tens of thousands of miles deep.

Viewers will experience up-close-and-personal views of the Great Red Spot, a storm larger than Earth that has been raging for hundreds of years and see fireballs with up to six million megatons of explosive power.

As virtual astronauts, visitors will also explore Jupiter’s swirling mini-solar system of more than 60 moons, including Io, which gushes fountains of molten sulfur over a hundred miles high and Europa, which may harbor oceans of liquid water and possibly life beneath its cracked, icy crust.

Dr. Amy Simon-Miller, chief of the Planetary Systems Laboratory at Goddard, will provide details on Jupiter’s active environment and data collection. Michael Starobin, Goddard’s senior producer and the film’s director, will discuss the creative process and technical challenges for making a movie on a sphere.

To sign up and attend this event, register at <http://education.gsfc.nasa.gov/largest>. For more information call the Visitor Center at 301-286-3978.

## Chef Demonstration At Farmers Market

The Greenbelt Farmers Market will present a demonstration by local chef and educator Monica Corrado at the Farmers Market this Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. The session is free and questions are encouraged.

Corrado is a whole food chef and holistic nutrition educator with a private practice in Takoma Park called Simply Being Well. In her private practice, Corrado advises women with fertility issues, counsels on nourishing healthy babies and children and works with people to heal digestive disorders. She is on the honorary board of the Weston A. Price Foundation and is committed to nutrient-dense, sustainable and local food, farming and the healing arts. Corrado enjoys teaching cooking classes where people learn to make a connection between real food and vibrant health through what she calls “cooking for well-being.”

Corrado is appearing as part of the Market’s monthly “Chef at the Market Series,” which is partially funded through a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. The Greenbelt Farmers Market is held in the west parking lot of Roosevelt Center directly in front of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. It is open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through November 22 and features local food produced within Maryland or 100 miles of Greenbelt. The Market’s motto is “Eat something local every day!”

## Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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